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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Operations Administration

SUBJECT : CIA Briefing of Randall Committee

1. Mr. Allen Dulles during the course of 35 minutes covered the following major topics:

- Political developments in the USSR since the death of Stalin

- Economic measures in agriculture and consumer goods to improve the lot of the people

- Policy shifts in the various satellites

- Soviet capabilities

  - Recent atomic developments and their meaning

  - Soviet long-range air force

  - Soviet basic military strength and disposition

- Soviet intentions

  - No immediate indications of aggression

  - Peace at no price

  - Continuation of "peace offensive" to relax

    - specific tensions and disrupt the free

    - world coalition

  - Long-range hostility to West probably unchanged

2. Mr. Acheson in approximately 25 minutes dealt with the following:

- Russian industrial growth, prewar, postwar and projections for the future, as compared with U.S.

- Russian resources, self-sufficient except for coke, rubber, zinc, copper and tin

- Allocation of Russian GNP among the various sectors of the economy by Russian industrial production for full mobilization

- Russian scientific and technical achievements and education of scientific, etc., personnel.

**Postwar trends in Russia and Soviet Bloc external trade**

**Bloc aggregate trade with the West compared with previous year (1938)**

**Percentage of foreign trade of selected European countries that flows to and from the Soviet Bloc, 1938, '48 and '52**

**Soviet Bloc integration in the economic scene and the growth of intra-Bloc trade 1947-1952**

**Recent Soviet trade offensive**

**Participation in ECE and ECAFE meetings;**

**Offers to sell strategic goods to free world including U.S. for cash and consumer goods;**

**Efforts and agreements to obtain consumer goods, especially food (see attached).**

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